

|| Or, I am greatly angry.

|| Or, spared.

† Heb. was the sonne of the night.

and he said, || I doe well to be angry, euen vnto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast || had pitie on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow, which † came vp in a

night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineueh that great citie, wherein are more then sixscore thousand persons, that cannot discern betweene their right hand and their left hand, and also much cattell:



MICAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Micah sheweth the wrath of God against Iacob, for idolatry. 10 Hee exhorteth to mourning.

The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Moreshite in the dayes of Iotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah Kings of Iudah, which hee saw concerning Samaria and Ierusalem.

2 † Heare * all ye people, hearken O earth, and † all that therein is, and let the LORD GOD be witnesse against you, the LORD from his holy temple.

3 For behold, * the LORD cometh forth out of his * place, and will come downe and tread vpon the * high places of the earth.

4 And * the mountaines shall be molten vnder him, and the vailles shall be cleft: as ware before the fire, and as the waters that are powred downe † a steepe place.

5 For the transgression of Iacob is all this, and for the sinnes of the house of Israel: what is the transgression of Iacob: Is it not Samaria: and what are the high places of Iudah: are they not Ierusalem:

6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heape of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will powre downe the stones therof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the grauen images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burnt with the fire, and all the idoles thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall returne to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore I wil waile and howle,

I will goe stript and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the † owles.

9 For || her wound is incurable, for it is come vnto Iudah: he is come vnto the gate of my people, euen to Ierusalem.

10 † Declare yee it not at Gath, weepe yee not at all: In the house of || Aphrah * rowle thy selfe in the dust.

11 Passe yee away thou † inhabitant of || Saphir, hauing thy * shame naked: the inhabitant of || Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of || Beth-ezel, he shall receiue of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth || waited carefully for good, but euill came downe from the LORD vnto the gate of Ierusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the charet to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sinne to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou giue presents || to Moresheth-Gath: the houses of || Achizib shall be a lie to † kings of Israel.

15 Yet wil I bring an heire vnto thee, O inhabitant of Marothah: || he shall come vnto Adullam, the glory of Israel

16 Make thee * bald, and polle thee for thy delicate children, enlarge thy baldnesse as the Eagle, for they are gone into captiuitie from thee.

CHAP. II.

1 Against oppression. 4 Alamentation. 7 A reproofe of iniustice and idolatrie. 12 A promise of restoring Iacob.

Woe to them that deuise iniquitie, and worke euill vpon their beds: When the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And

† Heb. beare yee people all of them.

* Deut. 32.

1. Isai. 1. 2.

† Heb. the fulnesse thereof.

of. 6. 21

* Isai. 2. 5. 3.

psal. 11. 32.

* Deut. 32.

13. and 3.

29.

* Psal. 97. 5.

† Heb. a descent.

† Heb. daughters of the owle.

|| Or, she is grievously sicke of her wounds.

* 2. Sam. 1. 20.

|| That is, dust.

* Ier. 6. 26.

† Heb. inhabitresse.

|| Or, thou that dwellest fairely.

* Isai. 47. 30.

|| Or, the countrey of flockes.

|| Or, a place neere.

|| Or, was grieved.

|| Or, for.

|| That is, a lie.

|| Or, the glory of Israel shall come &c.

* Isai. 22. 12

* Isa. 5. 8.

|| Or, de-
fraude.

2 And they couet * fields and take them by violence: and houses, and take them away: so they || oppresse a man and his house, euen a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, against this familie doe I devise an euill, from which ye shall not remoue your necks, neither shall ye goe haughtily: for this time is euill.

† Heb. with
a lamentati-
on of lamen-
tations.
|| Or, instead
of restoring.

4 ¶ In that day shall one take by a parable against you, and lament with a † dolefull lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: hee hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he remoued it from me: || turning away hee hath diuided our fields.

* Deut. 32.
8, 9.|| Or, prophe-
cie not, as
they prophe-
cie.† Heb. drop,
c.c.

* Isa. 30. 10.

|| Or, shorte-
ned.† Heb. up-
right.† Heb. ye-
sterday.† Heb. ouer
against a
garment.

|| Or, wines.

5 Therefore thou shalt haue none that shall * cast a cord by lot in the Congregation of the LORD.

6 || † * Prophecie ye not, say they, to them that prophecie: they shall not prophecie to them, that they shall not take shame.

7 ¶ Thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD || straitned: are these his donges: doe not my words do good to him that walketh † vprightly:

8 † Euen of late, my people is risen vp as an enemy: ye pull off the robe † with the garment, fro them that passe by securely, as men auerse from warre.

9 The || women of my people haue ye cast out from their pleasant houses, from their children haue ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you euen with a sore destruction.

|| Or, walke
with the
winde, and
lie falsly.

11 If a man || walking in the spirit and falshood, doe lie, saying, I will prophecie vnto thee of wine and of strong drinke, he shall euen bee the prophet of this people.

12 ¶ I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee: I will surely gather the remnant of Israel, I will put them together as the sheepe of Bozrah, as the flocke in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

13 The breaker is come by before them: they haue broken by and haue passed through the gate, and are gone out by it, and their king shall passe before them, & the LORD on the head of them.

C H A P. III.

1 The crueltie of the Princes. 5 The falshood of the Prophets. 8 The security of them both.



And I said, Heare, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know iudgement:

2 Who hate the good and loue the euill, who plucke off their skinne from off them, and their flesh from off their bones.

3 Who also eate the flesh of my people, and slay their skinne from off them, and they breake their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the cauldron.

4 Then shall they cry vnto the LORD, but he will not heare them: he will euen hide his face from them at that time, as they haue behaued themselves ill in their doings.

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD concerning the Prophets that make my people erre, that * bite with their teeth and crie; Peace: and he that putteth not in to their mouths, they euen prepare warre against him:

6 Therefore night shall be vnto you, † that yee shall not haue a vision, and it shall be darke vnto you, † that yee shall not diuine, and the Sunne shall goe downe ouer the Prophets, and the day shall be darke ouer them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diuiners confounded: yea, they shall all couer their † lips, for there is no answer of God.

8 ¶ But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of iudgement and of might, to declare vnto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sinne.

9 Heare this, I pray you, yee heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhorre iudgement and peruert all equitie.

10 They build by Zion with * † blood, and Jerusalem with iniquitie.

11 The heads thereof iudge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hyre, and the Prophets thereof diuine for money: yet will they leane vpon the LORD, † and say; Is not the LORD among vs: none euill can come vpon vs.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be * plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heapes, and the mountaine of the house, as the high places of the forrest.

* Chap. 2. 11

† Heb. from
a vision.
† Heb. from
diuining.† Heb. upper
lippe.* Ezek. 22.
27. zeph. 3.† Heb.
bloods.† Heb. say-
ing.

* Ier. 26. 18

C H A P. IIII.

1 The Glory, 3 Peace, 8 Kingdome, 11 and Victorie of the Church.

* Ifai. 2. 2.
&c.



At * in the last dayes it shal come to passe, that the mountaine of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountaines, and it shalbe exalted aboue the hilles, and people shall flow vnto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say; Come, and let vs goe vnto the mountaine of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach vs of his wayes, and wee will walke in his pathes: for the Law shall goe forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 And he shall iudge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afarre off, and they shall beate their swords into * plowshares, and their speares into || pruning hookes: nation shall not lift vp a sword against nation, neither shall they learne warre any more.

4 But they shall sit every man vnder his vine, and vnder his figgetree, and none shal make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hostes hath spoken it.

5 For all people will walke euery one in the name of his god, and we will walke in the Name of the LORD our God for euer and euer.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driuen out, and her that I haue afflicted.

7 And I will make her that * halted, a remnant; and her that was cast farre off, a strong nation; and the LORD * shall reigne ouer them, in Mount Zion from henceforth, euen for euer.

8 And thou, O towre of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, vnto thee shall it come, euen the first dominion, the kingdome shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why doest thou cry out aloud: is there no king in thee: is thy counsellor perished: for pangs haue taken thee, as a woman in trauell.

10 Bee in paine and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in trauell: for now shalt thou goe

forth out of the citie, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go euen to Babylon: there shalt thou be deliuered: there the LORD shall redeeme thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, & let our eye look vpon Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither vnderstand they his counsell: for hee shall gather them as the sheaues into the floore.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horne yron, & I will make thy hooues brasle, and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gaine vnto the LORD, and their substance vnto the Lord of the whole earth.

C H A P. V.

1 The birth of Christ. 4 His Kingdome.
8 His conquest.

Now gather thy selfe in troupes, O daughter of troupes: he hath laid siege against vs: they shal smite the Judge of Israel with a rod vpon the cheeke.

2 But thou * Beth leem Ephratah, though thou bee little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth vnto mee, that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth haue bene from of old, † from euerlasting.

3 Therefore will hee giue them by, vntill the time that shee which trauaileth, hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall returne vnto the children of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and || feed in the strength of the LORD, in the Vastie of the Name of the LORD his God, and they shall abide: for now shall he be great vnto the ends of the earth.

5 And this man shall bee the peace when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when hee shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven Shepherds, and eight † principall men.

6 And they shall † waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod || in the entrances thereof: thus shall hee deliuer vs from the Assyrian, when he commeth into our land, and when hee treadeth within our borders.

7 And

* Ifai. 2. 4.
ioel 3. 10.
|| Or, fithes.

* Zeph. 3.
19.
* Dan. 7. 14.
luke 1. 33.

* Matth. 2.
6. ioh. 7. 42.

† Hebr. the
dayes of
eternitie.

|| Or, rule.

† Heb. prin-
ces of men.
† Hebr. eate
vp.

|| Or, with
her owne na-
ked swords.

Gods controuerſie Chap.vj. with his people.

7 And the remnant of Jacob ſhall be in the miſt of many people, as a dew from the LORD, as the ſhowres vpon the graſſe that tarieth not for man, nor waiteth for the ſonnes of men.

|| Or, goats.

8 And the remnant of Jacob ſhall be among the Gentiles in the middeſt of many people, as a Lyon among the beaſts of the forreſt, as a yong Lyon among the flockes of || ſheepe: who if he goe through, both treadeth downe, and tearerh in pieces, and none can deliuer.

9 Thine hand ſhall be liſt vpon thine aduerſaries, and all thine enemies ſhalbe cut off.

10 And it ſhall come to paſſe in that day, ſayth the LORD, that I will cut off thy horſes out of the miſt of thee, and I will deſtroy thy charets.

11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw downe all thy ſtrong holdes.

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand, and thou ſhalt haue no more Southlayers.

|| Or, ſtatues.

13 Thy grauen images alſo will I cut off, and thy || ſtanding images out of the miſt of thee: & thou ſhalt no more worſhip the worke of thine hands.

|| Or, enemies.

14 And I will plucke vpon thy groues out of the middeſt of thee: ſo will I deſtroy thy || cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger, and furie vpon the heathen, ſuch as they haue not heard.

CHAP. VI.

1 Gods controuerſie for vnkindneſſe, 6 for ignorance, 10 for iniuſtice, 16 and for idolatry.

|| Or, with.

* Iſai. 2.

HEare yee now what the LORD ſaith, Arise, contend thou || before the * mountaines, and let the hilles heare thy voice.

2 Heare yee, O mountaines, the LORDS controuerſie, and ye ſtrong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controuerſie with his people, and he will pleade with Iſrael.

3 O my people, what haue I done vnto thee, and wherein haue I wearied thee: teſtifie againſt me.

* Exod. 12. 51. and 14. 30.

4 For I brought thee vpon out of the land of * Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the houſe of ſeruants, and I ſent before thee Moſes, Aaron and Miriam.

* Num. 22. 5. and 23. 7.

5 O my people, remember now what * Balaak king of Moab conſulted,

and what Balaam the ſonne of Beor answered him from * Shittim vnto Gilgal, that yee may know the righteouſneſſe of the LORD.

* Num. 25. 10. 5.

6 Wherewith ſhall I come before the LORD, and bow my ſelfe before the high God: ſhall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calues † of a yeere olde:

† Heb. ſonnes of a yeere.

7 Will the LORD be pleaſed with thouſands of rammes, or with tenne thouſands of riuers of oyle: ſhall I giue my firſt borne for my tranſgreſſion, the fruit of my † body for the ſinne of my ſoule:

† Heb. belly.

8 Hee hath * ſhewed thee, O man, what is good: and what doeth the LORD require of thee, but to do iuſtly, and to loue mercy, and to † walke humbly with thy God:

* Deut. 10. 12.

† Heb. humble thy ſelfe to walke.

9 The LORDS voice cryeth vnto the citie, and || the man of wiſedome ſhall ſee thy Name: heare ye the rodde, and who hath appointed it.

|| Or, thy name ſhall ſee that which is.

10 || Are there yet the treasures of wickedneſſe in the houſe of the wicked, and the † ſcant meaſure that is abominable.

|| Or, is there yet vnto euery man an houſe of the wicked? &c.

11 || Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitfull weights:

† Heb. meaſure of leaneſſe.

12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof haue ſpoken lies, and their tongue is deceitfull in their mouth.

|| Or, ſhall I be pure with, &c.

13 Therefore alſo will I make thee ſicke in ſmiting thee, in making thee deſolate, becauſe of thy ſinnes.

14 Thou ſhalt eate, but not be ſatisfied, and thy caſting downe ſhall be in the miſt of thee, and thou ſhalt take holde, but ſhalt not deliuer: & that which thou deliuerest, will I giue vpon to the ſword.

15 Thou ſhalt * ſow, but thou ſhalt not reape: thou ſhalt tread the olives, but thou ſhalt not anoint thee with oyle; & ſweet wine, but ſhalt not drinke wine.

* Deut. 28. 38. hagg. 1. 6.

16 || For the ſtatutes of * Omri are kept, and all the workes of the houſe of * Ahab, and ye walke in their counſels, that I ſhould make thee a || deſolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hiſſing: therefore yee ſhall beare the reproch of my people.

|| Or, he doth much keepe the &c.

* 1. Kin. 16. 25, 26. * 1. Kin. 16. 30, &c. || Or, aſtoniſhment.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Church complaining of her ſmall number, 3 and the generall corruption, 5 putteth her confidence, not in man but in God.

8 She triumpheth ouer her enemies. 14 God comforteth her by promises, 16 by confusion of the enemies, 18 and by his mercies.



We is mee, for I am as when they haue gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to cate: my soule desired the first ripe fruit.

2 The good man is perished out of the earth, and there is none vpright among men: they all lie in waite for blood: they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3 That they may doe euill with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the iudge asketh for a reward: and the great man, he vttereth his mischieuous desire: so they wrap it vp.

4 The best of them is as a brier: the most vpright is sharper then a thorne hedge: the day of thy watchmen, and thy visitation commeth; now shall be their perplexitie.

5 Trustyee not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keepe the doozes of thy mouth from her that lyeth in thy bosome.

6 For the sonne dishonoureth the father: the daughter riseth vp against her mother: the daughter in law against her mother in law; a mans enemies are the men of his owne house.

7 Therefore I will looke vnto you the LORD: I will waite for the God of my saluation: my God will heare me.

8 Reioyce not against mee, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darknes, the LORD shall be a light vnto me.

9 I will beare the indignation of the LORD, because I haue sinned against him, vntill he plead my cause, and execute iudgement for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousnesse.

10 Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall couer her: which said vnto mee; where is the LORD thy God: mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she bee troden downe, as the myre of the streets.

11 In the day that thy walles are to be built, in that day shall the decree bee farre remoued.

12 In that day also he shall come euen to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortresse euen to the riuer, and from Sea to Sea, and from mountaine to mountaine;

13 Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruite of their doings.

14 Feede thy people with thy rod, the flocke of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feede in Bashan and Gilead, as in the dayes of old.

15 According to the dayes of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew vnto him meruailous things.

16 The nations shall see, and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand vpon their mouth: their eares shall be deafe.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall moue out of their holes like wormes of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall feare because of thee.

18 Who is a God like vnto thee, that pardoneth iniquitie, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage: hee retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

19 He wil turne againe, he will haue compassion vpon vs: he will subdue our iniquities, and thou wilt cast all their sinnes into the depths of the Sea.

20 Thou wilt performe the trueth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworne vnto our fathers from the dayes of old.

Or, and thou wilt see her that is mine enemy and couer her with shame.

* Psal. 79. 10. and 115. 2. iocel. 2. 17. † Heb. she shall be for a treading downe.

* Amos 9. 11. &c: Or, euen to.

Or, after that it hath beene.

Or, rule.

* Psal. 72. 9.

Or, creeping things.

* Exod. 34. 6, 7.

† Heb. the gatherings of summer.

* Psal. 12. 3. isai. 57. 1. Or, godly, or mercifull.

† Heb. the mischiefe of the soule.

* Matth. 10. 21, 35, 36. luc. 24. 16.